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October job openings grew by 2,000 over-the-month to a new total of 37,000. The number of unemployed workers also grew by 400 workers to 21,700, creating a difference between job openings versus job seekers of 15,300. Delaware's ratio of job openings to unemployed grew 0.1 percentage point from September to 1.7 job openings per unemployed worker, the highest among states in our region. The second highest among regional states was New Jersey with 1.6 job openings per unemployed worker followed by Pennsylvania's ratio of 1.4 and Maryland at 1.2 job openings per job seeker.

Delaware Job Openings comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS). JOLTS provides information on the demand for labor in Delaware and job turnover. More info on the JOLTS program can be found at www.bls.gov/jlt/.

Delaware's Unemployed vs Job Openings

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The number of Job Openings exceeds the number of Unemployed People

(*) Preliminary data

Source: BLS's Job Opening and Labor Turnover Survey and the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted. <https://data.bls.gov/PDQWeb/jt>